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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee the relevant chapters of the Council's report.[1]

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 36th, 37th, 43rd, 47th and 51st meetings, on 11 and 19 November and on 4 and 9 December 1997. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/52/SR.36, 37, 43, 47 and 51). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 13 to 16 October (see A/C.2/52/SR.3-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1997 (chaps. I-IV, V (sects. A-C and F-J) and VII);[1]

[1] A/52/3 (Parts I-IV); to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1).

(b) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its sixteenth session (A/52/8);[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/52/175-E/1997/75);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities (A/52/203-E/1997/85);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/52/212);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statement on universal access to basic communications and information services adopted by the Administrative Committee on Coordination at its session in April 1997 (A/52/354);

(g) Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Maldives to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Ninth Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation held at Malé, Maldives, from 12 to 14 May 1997 (A/52/222);

(h) Letter dated 13 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Group of 77 adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-first annual meeting, held in New York on 26 September 1997 (A/52/460);

(i) Letter dated 3 November 1997 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/52/576);

(j) Letter dated 21 October 1997 from the Acting President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee transmitting a letter dated 22 August 1997 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the graduation of Vanuatu from the list of the least developed countries (A/C.2/52/5);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme (E/1997/49).

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[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/52/8).

4. At the 36th meeting, on 11 November, the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/52/SR.36).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.28 and L.41

5. At the 43rd meeting, on 19 November, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Development Planning" (A/C.2/52/L.28), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee for Development Planning and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997 concerning the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that Vanuatu be graduated from the list of the least developed countries,

"Noting further the letter of the Prime Minister of Vanuatu[3] stating the reasons for his position that the review of Vanuatu's status should be deferred to the year 2000,

"Noting also the development of the vulnerability index, in accordance with resolution 51/183 of 16 December 1996, and stressing that the Committee for Development Planning should take fully into account this index in evaluating the status of the least developed countries,

"Taking into account views and comments expressed by delegations during the debate on the report of the Economic and Social Council at the meetings of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 11 November 1997,

"1. Reaffirms paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 46/206 relating to transitional arrangements;

"2. Welcomes the convening of Working Group III of the Committee for Development Planning at United Nations Headquarters from 17 to 19 December 1997 to review the results of the technical work and the outcome of the expert group meeting, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/183;

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[3] A/C.2/52/5, annex, appendix.

"3. Decides to retain Vanuatu on the list of the least developed countries until further consideration by the Committee for Development Planning during its next review, in the year 2000."

6. At the 47th meeting, on 4 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Development Planning" (A/C.2/52/L.41), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.28.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41 (see para. 20).

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Vanuatu made a statement (see A/C.2/52/SR.47).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41, draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Graduation from the list of the least developed countries

10. In its decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997, entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-first session", the Economic and Social Council endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning at its thirty-first session[4] regarding the list of the least developed countries.

11. At its 47th meeting, on 4 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it endorse paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 (see para. 21, draft decision I).

C. Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

12. By its decision 1997/217 of 8 July 1997, entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme", the Economic and Social Council endorsed the revisions contained in the annex to the report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme,[5] and decided to transmit them to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-second session.

13. At its 47th meeting, on 4 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it endorse the revisions to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, as contained

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[4] See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 15 (E/1997/35), chap. I.

[5] E/1997/49.

in the annex to the report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (see para. 21, draft decision II).

D. Report of the Council of the United Nations University

14. By paragraph 3 of its resolution 1997/43 of 22 July 1997, entitled "Report of the Council of the United Nations University", the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly that it adopt a decision whereby, beginning in 1998, the report of the Council of the United Nations University would be considered directly by the Second Committee of the General Assembly in accordance with its programme of work.

15. At the 47th meeting, on 4 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it decide that, beginning in 1998, the report of the Council of the United Nations University would be considered directly by the Second Committee, in accordance with its programme of work (see para. 21, draft decision III).

E. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

16. At its 47th meeting, on 4 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents before it under the item (see para. 21, draft decision IV).

F. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999

17. At the 51st meeting, on 9 December, the representative of the Secretariat introduced and read out corrections to the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999 (A/C.2/52/L.45, annex).

18. Statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of the Philippines and Benin. The representative of the Secretariat responded to the questions raised (see A/C.2/52/SR.51).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999, as orally corrected, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 21, draft decision V).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

20. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Development Planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee for Development Planning and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

Taking note of subparagraph (a) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997 by which the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that Vanuatu be graduated from the list of the least developed countries,

Taking note also of subparagraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223,

Noting the content of the letter of the Prime Minister of Vanuatu[6] advancing reasons to support his position that the review of Vanuatu's status should be deferred to the year 2000,

Taking note of the decision[7] of the Committee for Development Planning,[8] in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/183 of 16 December 1996, to examine as part of its work programme for 1997-1998, the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index and to consider the usefulness of such an index as a criterion for the designation of the least developed countries in its examination of issues related to improvements to the criteria and methodology for the designation of the least developed countries,

Taking into account statements made by several delegations during the debate on the report of the Economic and Social Council at the meetings of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 11 November 1997,

1. Reaffirms paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 46/206 relating to transitional arrangements;

2. Welcomes the convening of Working Group III of the Committee for Development Planning in New York from 17 to 19 December 1997 to review the results of the technical work and the outcome of the expert group meeting, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/183;

3. Decides to postpone its consideration of subparagraph (a) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223, in consideration of the views and

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[6] A/C.2/52/5, annex, appendix.

[7] Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 15 (E/1997/35), para. 241 (c).

[8] Without prejudice to the review by the Economic and Social Council of its subsidiary bodies, as initiated in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and bearing in mind other relevant Assembly resolutions.

recommendations to be submitted by the Committee for Development Planning to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session through the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 51/183, on the usefulness of the vulnerability index as a criterion for the designation of the least developed countries, and, without prejudice to the full development and examination of the vulnerability index and its potential application in assessing the graduation of Vanuatu, a small island developing State, from the list of the least developed countries, and to take a decision accordingly.

21. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Graduation from the list of least developed countries

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1997/223 of 18 July 1997, decides that Cape Verde, Maldives and Samoa should graduate from the list of least developed countries at the time of the next review, in 2000, provided that they continue to meet the criteria for graduation at that time.

DRAFT DECISION II

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1997/217 of 8 July 1997, endorses the revisions to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme, as contained in the annex to the report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.[9]

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/43 of 22 July 1997, decides that, beginning in 1998, the report of the Council of the United Nations University will be considered directly by the Second Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with its programme of work.

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[9] E/1997/49.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1997;[10]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;[11]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities;[12]

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award;[13]

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statement on universal access to basic communications and information services, adopted by the Administrative Committee on Coordination at its session in April 1997.[14]

DRAFT DECISION V

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999, as annexed to the present decision.

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[10] A/52/3 (Parts I-IV) (to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1)), chaps. I-IV, V (sects. A-C and F-J) and VII.

[11] A/52/175-E/1997/75.

[12] A/52/203-E/1997/85.

[13] A/52/212.

[14] A/52/354.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999[15]

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[16]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (General Assembly resolution 50/225)[17]

Committee for Development Planning

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council containing the views of the Committee for Development Planning on the report of the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index (General Assembly resolution 51/183 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41)

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[15] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, holds a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[16] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1998.

[17] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 51/165)

Report of the Secretary-General on global financial flows and their impact on the developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.48)

Report of the Secretary-General containing an index indicating recurring themes and key elements in the consideration of the topic of financing for development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.51)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the United Nations to address financing for development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.51)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/168 on transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on recommendations for effective follow-up to the relevant sections of the agreed conclusions of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1)

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1, including developments in the multilateral trading system

(c) Commodities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 51/169)

(d) External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.58

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/170

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on best practices and lessons learned in the field of industrial development (General Assembly resolution 51/170)

(b) Business and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/191

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/130 and 51/172 on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

No advance documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1)

(b) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92 and 51/173)

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175)

(d) Cultural development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.33

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements with a view to its revitalization (General Assembly resolution 51/177 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.38)

(g) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173)[17]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.37 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the plans, programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States that have been implemented in response to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 50/116 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.42)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.55)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution 50/115)

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.57

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General

Assembly resolution 51/182 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.56)

(f) Implementation and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the ways and means of undertaking the review of progress made in implementing conventions related to sustainable development (draft decision A/C.2/52/L.61)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children (General Assembly resolution 51/186)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44)[17]

Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 50/120 and draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.44 and L.46)[17]

Item 7. Training and research

(a) United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/187)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52)

Item 8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/6 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1)[17]

Item 9. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/178 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.34)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1)

Item 10. Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

No advance documentation (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[19]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 2001-2003

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund

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[18] The programme of work and documentation list for 1999 will be updated in 1998, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

[19] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1999.

on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a high-level consideration of the topic of financing for development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.51)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1 on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.39 on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.47

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 47/177 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.40)

(b) Business and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[17]

(b) Women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1)[17]

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

(c) Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.49)

(d) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.35)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[17]

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development at its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)[17]

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[17]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.36 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44